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1. SUMMARY: AT JULY 27 PLENARY, CCD INVITED NON-MEMBERS

AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, FINLAND, AND NORWAY TO PARTICIPATE IN SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP. USSR, FRG, JAPANESE, INDIAN, AND POLISH REPS SPOKE ON MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE DISARMAMENT DECADE; MONGOLIAN REP MADE STATEMENT ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION. END SUMMARY

2. AT REQUEST OF CO-CHAIRMEN, CHAIRMAN-OF-THE-DAY (ZAIRE) READ OUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, FINLAND, AND NORWAY HAD COMMUNICATED THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP ESTABLISHED BY CCD ON JULY 22 AND OPEN TO INTERESTED NON-MEMBERS, AND ASKED FOR INVITATION FROM COMMITTEE. REQUEST WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

3. USSR REP (LIKHATCHEV), DISCUSSING THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE DISARMAMENT DECADE, STATED THAT THE FIRST HALF OF THE DECADE HAD PRODUCED VERY SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS, AND FOR CONCRETE AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN MOST FRUITFUL INTERVAL OF ENTIRE POSTWAR PERIOD. HE MAINTAINED THAT THESE AGREEMENTS WERE OF GREATER SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT BEGINNING STEPS, WHICH ARE ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT TO TAKE. AMONG MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS LIKHATCHEV CITED THE NPT, BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION, AND SEABED TREATY. HE ALSO MENTIONED BILATERAL US-USSR UNDERTAKINGS -- THE ABM TREATY, THE INTERIM SALT AGREEMENTS, THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, THE TTBT, AND THE RECENT PNE TREATY AND PROTOCOL -- AS WELL AS FRANCO-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTAL OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4. LIKHATCHEV DECLARED HIS SATISFACTION AT RECENT INTENSIFICATION OF NEGOTIATIONS OF DISARMAMENT AND ARMS RESTRICTIONS IN VARIOUS FORA (UN, CCD, SALT, AND MBFR), BUT SAID THAT STEPS ACHIEVED SO FAR CANNOT BE FULLY SATISFYING, AND THAT SECOND HALF OF DISARMAMENT DECADE SHOULD BE CROWNED WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT AND USEFUL MEASURES. SOVIET REP DECLARED THE USSR WOULD SEEK PARTICIPATION BY AN EVER BROADER GROUP OF STATES IN DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. HE NOTED THE SOVIET-SPONSORED 1975 UNGA RESOLUTION ON A CTB, SAYING THAT ITS CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD BEEN "UNFILLED, OWING TO THE UNWILLINGNESS OF CERTAIN NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO PARTICIPATE." AFTER NOTING NUMBER OF OTHER SOVIET INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY THAT ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, LIKHATCHEV CALLED FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD A CHEMICAL WEAPONS AGREEMENT, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTION COULD BE FORWARDED TO THE UNGA THIS YEAR.

5. FRG REP (SCHLAICH) UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH IN DISARMAMENT AND CALLED ON THE CCD TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO QUESTIONS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT. HE SAID THAT SUCH A REGIONAL APPROACH "WOULD CERTAINLY NOT ONLY RAISE THE LEVEL OF SECURITY AND CONFIDENCE IN THESE REGIONS, BUT ALSO SET FREE RESOURCES WHICH ARE INDISPENSABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT."

6. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) STATED THAT IN SPITE OF CERTAIN CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERLOOK "LACK OF PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT IN SUCH MATTERS AS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, IN PARTICULAR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AND A CHEMICAL WEAPONS BAN, BOTH OF WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY." IN THIS CONNECTION, HE CALLED ON US AND USSR TO MAKE "FURTHER EFFORTS TOWARDS COMING TO THE NECESSARY POLITICAL DECISIONS." NOTING THAT "ITEMS RELATING TO ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT HAVE LATELY BECOME MORE HIGHLY SPECIALIZED AND TECHNICAL IN CHARACTER," OGISO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CCD'S INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS, AND DECLARED THAT "OUR TECHNICAL STUDIES ARE MAKING GRADUAL PROGRESS." OGISO POINTED TO SEISMIC DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS "WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A CTB," AND DEFINING LETHAL AGENTS AND VERIFICATION POSSIBILITIES "WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A CHEMICAL WEAPONS BAN" AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TECHNICAL MATTERS.

7. ON CW, OGISO HOPED THAT RESULTS OF THE RECENT CCD EXPOERTS MEETINGS WOULD PROMPT THE "LONG-AWAITED" US-SOVIET JOINT INITIATIVE. ON TEST BAN QUESTIONS, HE REITERATED JAPANESE SUGGESTIONS TO LOWER THE 150 KILOTON THRESHOLD OF THE US-USSR THRESHOLD TEST BAN AND PNE TREATIES AND TO MULTILATERALIZE THE TTBT. OGISO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCLUDE ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS "AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE." JAPANESE REP DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT NIGERIAN CALL AT THE JULY 20 PLENARY FOR CCD TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM DURING ITS SPRING 1977 SESSION, BUT SUGGESTED THAT IF SUCH A PROGRAM WERE FORMULATED IT SHOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF A CW BAN, A CTB, AND JAPANESE TTBT-PNE TREATY PROPOSALS.

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8. INDIAN REP (MISHRA) DECLARED THAT INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS ALREADY CONCLUDED WERE NOT TRIVIAL, AND THAT

THE ENMOD CONVENTION, CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED, HAD SIGNIFICANCE GOING BEYOND WHAT CAN BE FORESEEN AT PRESENT, "IN THE DIRECTION OF PROHIBITING THE USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PERPETRATING MASS DESTRUCTION." NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, CCD MUST NOT DIVERT ITSELF FROM HIGHEST PRIORITY TASK OF NEGOTIATING TOWARD STOPPING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. MISHRA DECLARED THAT THE FIRST TWO STEPS IN THAT DIRECTION SHOULD BE A CTB AND END OF "PRODUCTION OF FISSILE MATERIAL FOR WEAPON PURPOSES COMBINED WITH PROHIBITION OF THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

9. POLISH REP (WYZNER) SUPPORTED CONTINUATION OF STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. HE MADE OBLIGATORY ALLUSION TO 1957 POLISH PROPOSAL FOR A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN CENTRAL EUROPE, AND PRAISED THE NPT, PARTICULARLY THE RECENT RATIFICATIONS BY THE FRG, ITALY AND OTHER EURATOM COUNTRIES, AND JAPAN. WYZNER SUPPORTED HIGH PRIORITY FOR CCD EFFORTS ON CW AND EARLY ACTION ON MDW. ON MDW, HE ANNOUNCED THAT POLAND WOULD SEND AN EXPERT TO CCD'S UPCOMING INFORMAL MEETINGS. WYZNER SAW KEY TO PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN POLITICAL WILL, "NOT PROCEDURAL OR FORMAL MOVES OF A COSMETIC NATURE."

10. MONGOLIAN REP (DUGERSUREN), PARTICIPATING IN HIS LAST CCD PLENARY BEFORE BEING REASSIGNED (HE TOLD US DELOFF TO ULAN BATOR), OUTLINED VIEWS ON DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTION. HE SAID THAT REVISIONS IN PREAMBLE AGREED TO BY CO-SPONSORS IMPROVED PROSPECTS FOR CONSENSUS. DUGERSUREN SUPPORTED SCOPE OF PROHIBITION IN ARTICLE I, AND THOUGHT THAT IN VIEW OF PRESENT LIMITED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE IN ENMOD FIELD, SUING PHRASE "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE" WAS MOST PRACTICAL COURSE FOR INDICATING THAT SCOPE. NEVERTHELESS, HE SUGGESTED, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SUPPLY DEFINITIONS OF "WSLLS". DUGERSUREN SAW NO REASON TO ADD FURTHER EXAMPLES TO ARTICLE II ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF PROSCRIBED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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11. DUGERSUREN DECLARED ORIGINAL ARTICLE V COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE WAS SUITABLY FLEXIBLE AND COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE, BUT DID NOT REJECT ADDING A PROVISION MAKING MORE SPECIFIC HOW AND BY WHOM THE FACT-FINDING CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT. HE ECHOED CURRENT SOVIET LINE ON QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF AN INTERMEDIATE FACT-FINDING BODY UNDER THE TREATY. IN REGARD TO

REVIEW CONFERENCES, DUGERSUREN SUPPORTED MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY AND SUGGESTED THAT ANY REVIEW CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONVENED ONLY WHEN A MAJORITY OR TWO-THIRDS OF STATES PARTY SO REQUESTED. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE SAID, REVIEW CONFERENCES SHOULD NOT INTERPRET OR REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION. DUGERSUREN SUGGESTED APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY OF STATES PARTY FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS.

12. NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1976.
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